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FOR COMDT COGARD WASHDC FOR LAKEY AND SECSTATE FOR L/OA
FROM OXMAN, CAPT YOST, LEITZELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, IMCO

SUBJ: LOS: IMCO DRAFT ARTICLE 4

REF: COMDT COGARD TEL 151934Z AUG 73

1. POSITIONS AS REQUESTED BY REF/ FOLLOW:

A. CANADA- WILLING TO KEEP JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES
OUT OF IMCO CONFERENCE IF OTHER NATIONS DO NOT FORCE
THE TERRITORIAL SEA ISSUE. IF THIS ISSUE IS FORCED
CANADA WILL PRESENT HER COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT
CONCEPT. OTHERWISE WILL REMAIN WITH HER PRESENT
ARTICLES 4, 5 AND 6.

B. USSR-WILL BE FIRM ON ALTERNATIVE I AND WILL INSIST
ON THE TERRITORIAL SEA PROVISION. THIS MAY BE ENOUGH
TO KEY CANADIAN RESPONSE NOTED ABOVE.

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C. NORWAY-CAN SUPPORT ALT II AT CONFERENCE AND MAY

BE ABLE TO SUPPORT FOOTNOTE 9. IF CONFERENCE GETS INTO COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION ISSUES MAY HAVE AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT LIMITED COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES IN A ZONE. NORWAY DESIRES TO AVOID THE COASTAL STATE JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES IF POSSIBLE. NORWAY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FIXED PLATFORMS BEING COVERED UNDER IMCO DRAFT. THEY FEEL THAT TECHNICALLY THIS IS BEST SOLUTION.

D. FINLAND-HAS ATTENDED NO SCIII MEETINGS AND HAS NO KNOWN LOS POSITIONS ON MARINE POLLUTION.

E. NETHERLANDS-WILL SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE II AND FOOTNOTE 9 VERY STRONGLY. DOES NOT WANT TO GET INTO ISSUE OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION AT IMCO. PROBABLY WILLING TO EXEMPT PLATFORM ENTIRELY FROM IMCO CONVENTION BUT RELUCTANT SINCE THEY NOT SURE LOS WILL ADEQUATELY DEAL WITH PROBLEM.

2. COMMENTS: USSR IS ADAMANT ON FLAG STATE ENFORCEMENT AND LIMITING OTHER ENFORCEMENT TO TERRITORIAL SEA. CANADA IS JUST AS ADAMANT THAT LANGUAGE SHOULD READ "IN AREAS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION" VICE TERRITORIAL SEA. CANADA HAS INFORMED US THEY WILL PRESS THEIR ENTIRE COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT SCHEME IF OTHER NATIONS ATTEMPT TO PRESS THE TERRITORIAL SEA CONCEPT. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT LDCS PRESENT WILL FOLLOW CANADA-DA'S LEAD. THIS COULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO CONFERENCE PROGRESS.

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